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EWU football player shot at party

Tony Seau remains in critical condition at Spokane hospital

Tom Fox
Sports Editor

Twenty five-year-old Eastern football player Tony Seau remains in serious condition after several lengthy surgeries at a Spokane hospital after he was shot in the head at a party Friday night. Seau, the younger brother of NFL All-Pro linebacker Junior Seau, and athletes from Community Colleges of Spokane and Eastern attended the party in east Spokane. According to Spokane Police spokesman Dick Cottam, officers at the scene estimated between 100 and 200 people were at the party and witnesses said several disputes erupted when some participants began yelling rival gang names.

The Spokesman-Review reported earlier this week that Seau displayed gang signs and challenged at least a half-dozen people to fight. During one confrontation in the street a single shot was

fired and hit Seau. Several witnesses and the suspect ran from the area and police have not yet identified the assailant. Police are still interviewing witnesses and have not confirmed that the shooting was gang-related.

Seau pleaded guilty to attempted murder in a 1993 gang-related shooting in his hometown of Oceanside, Calif. He served time with the California Youth Authority and has had no criminal record since. However, Seau was a known leader of a Samoan group of football players at Palomar Junior College, which Comets head coach Joe Early was quick to claim

was not a gang.

Seau recently graduated from Palomar, located in near San Diego, Calif., where he played football for two seasons. He transferred to Eastern in January and had a promising spring practice season for the Eagles.

Seau led the Eagle defense with five tackles during the April 27 scrimmage.

The shooting brought relevance of Seau's criminal history, and violence that has struck Eastern this week.

Eastern President Dr. Stephen Jordan said in a prepared statement early in the week, "We are distressed at this senseless act of violence. Our first concern, of course, is for the safety and recovery of our student, Tony Seau, and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family."

Head football coach Paul Wulff continued, "We will continue to keep Tony in our thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover."

Wulff added that Eastern's coaches had knowledge of Seau's criminal past, but felt that he had changed his ways and could contribute as a model student/athlete at Eastern.

Early said in a phone interview earlier this week that Seau was a model student, who went to class, did his work and got

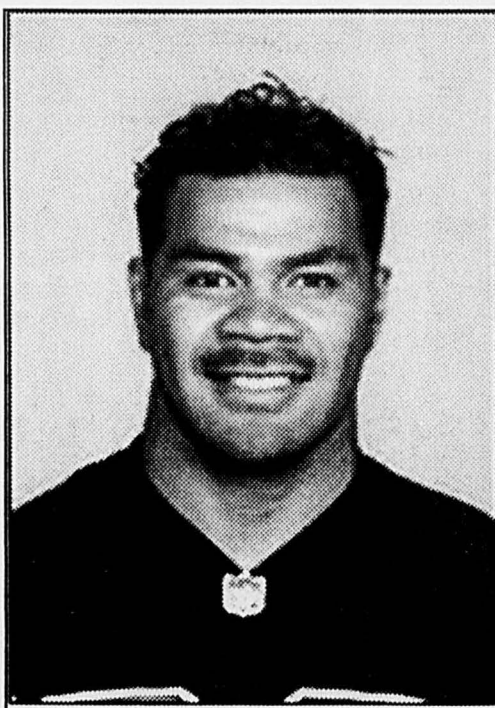
his AA degree.

"We didn't have any problems with him here," added Early. "It was a shock. Our prayers and thoughts are with him and his family."

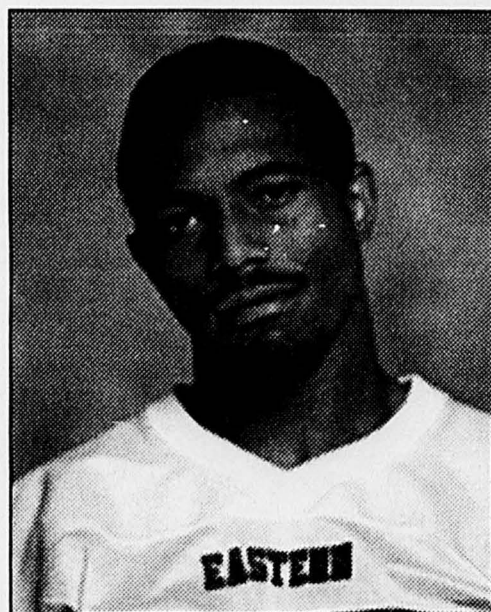
Anyone with information on the shooting itself or a possible suspect is asked to call Crime Check, 456-2233.



▲ EWU football player Tony Seau..



▲ San Diego Chargers star Junior Seau is the brother of Tony Seau..



▲ EWU football player Andre Cummings was arrested Tuesday on possessing marijuana.

EWU football player arrested

Tom Fox
Sports Editor

Wednesday morning Eagle wide receiver Andre Cummings was arrested on suspicion on carrying a concealed weapon without a permit and possessing marijuana with intent to deliver.

The Spokesman-Review reported yesterday that Washington State Patrol Trooper Greg McNeilly followed Cummings from Argonne Road to a 7-Eleven parking lot on Pines Road in Spokane Valley after receiving a call that a driver with Cummings description was waving a pistol at another motorist on Interstate 90.

Cummings was found with eight small packages of marijuana in his

pocket. He denied waving the gun, but admitted to have one in the car. Cummings' wife and 3-year-old child were also in the car.

Cummings, a 6-foot, 190-pound junior transfer from Pasadena Junior College, caught 14 passes last season for 176 yards and no touchdowns in eight games.

ANDRE CUMMINGS 2001 STATISTICS

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Hate literature sparks Mall rally

Virginia Jameson
Reporter

Anti-African American hate literature that was found on campus Monday prompted Eastern faculty, students, and staff to gather together in a rally against hate on Wednesday. The literature consisted of several cartoons downloaded off a website for the White Aryan Resistance.

The gathering, held in the Mall, drew a crowd of hundreds of supporters against racism. It appeared that a representative of every gender, color, creed, religion, and age was present. The general message of the event was the unity of students and staff against hate and discrimination.

Nancy Nelson, Director of the African American Education Program, started the event with the National Anthem. She congratulated those who attended the rally, stating that it sent a message that "we will not put up with hate on our campus."

Dr. Stephen Jordan, President of EWU, apologized for the reasons for holding the rally, saying that education had always been the way out of ignorance. He encouraged people to react to hate nonviolently, to "debate in a civil format." He said discussion and education, not physical retaliation is the way to deal with hate.

Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice President of Student Affairs said the materials found were disheartening in the wake of the approval of \$140,000 to use on diversity issues next year. He wants people not to be discouraged and to "focus on the progress (EWU) has made" in the area of diversity.

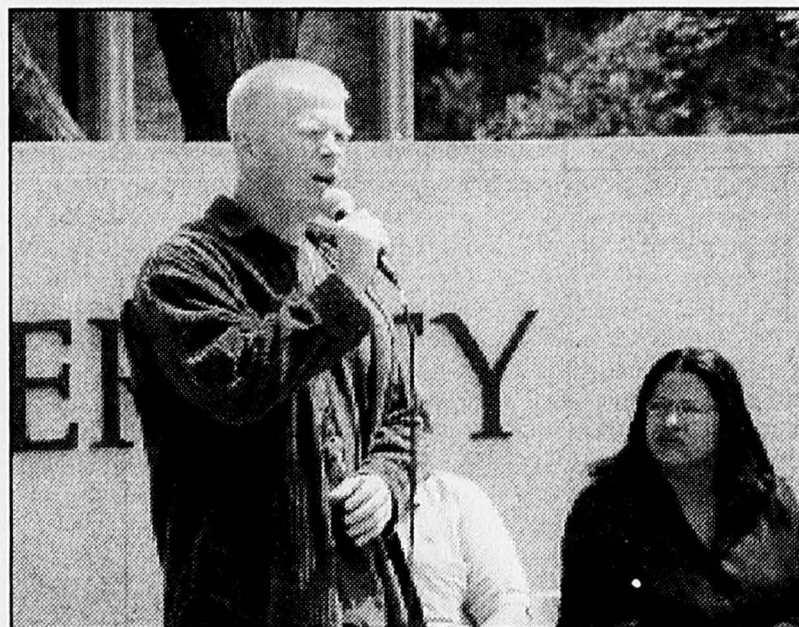
Carlos Maldonado, Director of the Chicano Education program asked that students to speak out against everyday hate, including off color jokes. He said, "We must not remain silent against ignorance." To the producers of the hate literature he said,

"We will remain vigilant against these racist acts."

Perhaps the clearest message to the perpetrators came from the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Khalil Islam who said, "We are looking for the cowards that did this. I want to have a conversation with them."

Other speakers at the event included Dr. Michael Frumkin, Dean of the School of Social Work and Human Services; Bill Ponder, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services; Jenna Williams, President of the Black Student Union; Angela Jones, Assistant Director of Alumni Services; Christian Shook, Associated Student President; Steve Bertram, SAFE advisor; and Sheila Cleanthous, from the American Indian Education Program.

Angela Jones led an open mic at the end of the event, letting students come up and share their thoughts on the literature and



▲ SAFE Advisor Steve Bertram speaks to the crowd about hate at Wednesday's rally.

about diversity in general. All of the people who spoke expressed disgust at the literature and gave their support to the university.

Dr. Jordan said that anyone that sees hate literature should call

campus police immediately. He also requested that any materials not be touched until the police arrive to better preserve the evidence that might lead to the culprits of this matter.

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CHS student killed on way to school

Jeremy Kramer
News Editor

A day that was supposed to be filled with joyous activities and celebration begun tragically Tuesday morning after a rollover accident claimed the life of a Cheney High School sophomore on her way to class.

Amber Passinetti, who turned 17 on Tuesday, was killed in an early-morning accident about two miles outside of Cheney.

The accident occurred just before 8:00 a.m. Passinetti was driving her Chevrolet truck on Murphy Road. Passinetti attempted to pass a red and white bronco, which was also carrying CHS students, when she lost control of her vehicle.

According to the Spokane County Sheriff's office, both vehicles rolled into the ditch.

"The back wheel caught the shoulder [of the road], and she couldn't get control of the

truck," Krystle McQueen, a passenger in Passinetti's vehicle told the Spokesman Review. "The Bronco hit my door and flipped over, we hit the ditch, rolled twice, and when we rolled the second time [Passinetti] rolled out."

Passinetti was pinned underneath her truck and died at the scene. She was not wearing a seatbelt.

Everyone else involved was wearing their seatbelts and only suffered minor cuts.

Cheney High School students mourned the loss of a fellow student when most kids are planning for their summer vacations.

"She was very nice," said classmate Ryan Murphy, "She'd say hi to anybody."

The Cheney School district sent grief counselors to CHS Tuesday to help students cope with Passinetti's sudden death.

A date for a memorial service has not been set.

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International student applications rise across the country

Charles Gardner

The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

Institutions of higher learning across the country saw applications from international students rise this year, defying predictions by some that Sept. 11 might discourage foreigners from applying to American colleges and universities.

The nationwide trend was reflected at Dartmouth College, where nearly 6 percent of all admitted students were from outside the United States, the highest percentage ever. Though final numbers for all colleges and universities are not yet available for the coming year, college administrators said the trend is clear.

"Anecdotal evidence tells us that applications from international students are up," said June Noronha, president of the National Association of International Educators. "For us it's been a welcome surprise."

Noronha, who also serves as associate dean at the college of St. Catherine in Minnesota, credited a "general interest" in the American educational system for the increase, which she said was most pronounced among Asian students.

Dean of Admissions Karl Furstenberg agreed that despite Sept. 11, the United States "is still a very stable and safe country" and the one that remains the most attractive to foreign students.

Additionally, Furstenberg cited a "more aggressive" approach to international recruitment for attracting a larger pool of applicants.

"The increase this year reflects the efforts of the past few years," he said, noting that there is typically "a bit of a lag" between initial recruitment efforts and an actual change in applicant numbers.

Financial aid may also have been a contributing

factor. Furstenberg said the College has not yet achieved a completely need-blind admissions policy for international applicants, but is "very, very close."

Though the College has long maintained a need-blind policy for Canadian students, this year witnessed the adoption of a similar policy for applicants from America's southern neighbor.

Furstenberg explained that the new policy regarding Mexico was intended as a neighborly gesture as well as a response to the fact that "there were students in the United States who were not permanent residents of the country," and who often did not have the means to afford a Dartmouth tuition.

Overall, 63 percent of last year's international students were recipients of financial aid, compared to only 40 percent for the entire Class of 2005.

While Furstenberg said the largest contingent of international students has in past years been Canadian, itself a "very diverse group" reflecting large-scale immigration into the country, there has been recent growth among applicants from east Asia and the Indian subcontinent.

Nationwide, Chinese nationals comprise the largest percentage of foreign students, according to Noronha, while Indians, Japanese, Koreans and others bring the Asian total to 55 percent. Fifteen percent hail from Europe, with lesser numbers from other areas.

Although the growth in international applicants has surprised and encouraged administrators, Director of the International Office Stephen Silver cautioned that final numbers are subject to change between now and the beginning of the 2002-2003 academic year.

"In previous years a number of international students withdrew before orientation and the start of classes in September," he said. "It's a very volatile group."

Adding further complexity to the situation is the coming implementation of SEVIS — the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System — a program for providing information on international students to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that is due to launch in Jan. 2003.

Robin Catmur, advisor to international students and scholars, stressed

That the new system "is not a new monitoring system," but simply a means for providing basic information on foreign students to the government.

"We've never had a good, reliable method of

Court satisfied with year's outcome

Buck Estes

Reporter

In their final meeting for the 2001-2002 school year, the ASEWU Superior Court wrapped up loose ends and bid farewell to fellow justices as the quarter comes to a close.

During the committee reports, Justice Toler-Luna presented final drafts of revised bylaws to the court for their approval. The board approved the bylaws without objection.

The court discussed plans for next year, specifically the meeting time and place for the upcoming fall.

They concluded that the meeting time will be dependent on each of the justice's class schedules but did say that the current time would be ideal if it were possible.

Justice Toler-Luna suggested that meetings should be moved to a different room due to space restrictions.

Among other changes for next year, the Superior Court deliberated and then appointed Monica Beirels to the court clerk position for the following year.

Chief Justice Peters thanked the justices for their time and effort this quarter. Peters is graduating this quarter.

Justice Toler-Luna will take her place as the new Chief Justice beginning fall quarter.

On a note of reflection, justice Joel Ravelohaimisy gave his opinion on the year inside the ASEWU Superior Court.

Ravelohaimisy said that "there was not enough time to work out everything the court planned on addressing during the year."

He blames this on the vacancy of positions in the court that were created halfway through the school year.

The positions were later filled at the beginning of spring quarter but not before the court was declared inactive due to the lack of justices.

But in the end, Ravelohaimisy stated "we are satisfied with what we did."

Incoming Chief Justice Will Toler-Luna credited the year with the six recommendations the court received from the university for excellence in office as justification of how the year went. Having only been in office spring quarter, Toler-Luna is pleased with the court's performance.

"We've made a lot of strides to get the court where it needs to be," he said.

Toler-Luna also cites the vacancies in office as something that hindered the progress of the court. But with the strides that have been made and actions taken by the justices currently in office, Toler-Luna said, "that will be the last time that will happen."

The ASEWU Superior Court thanks the students and faculty of Eastern for their support during the school year and looks forward to getting off to a great start next fall.

giving this information to the immigration service," Catmur said, adding that SEVIS "is supposed to facilitate passing of data that institutions have always had to collect on their students."

Catmur said she didn't believe the new system would deter students from abroad from applying to U.S. institutions, but a larger question may be whether the program will even meet its ambitious launch date.

"This coming year will be its trial year," Noronha said. "I just hope the INS has its act together," she said of the organization, which has come under fire recently for numerous organizational mishaps.

According to Furstenberg, there was also a general increase in applications from U.S. citizens living abroad.

"In general, we are bringing more people of an international background than ever before," he said.

To the University Community,
I regret the circumstance that causes me to send the following message to you.

University staff and students discovered racist materials in several buildings on campus today. We have notified the University Police and removed the material.

On behalf of the university community, I unequivocally repudiate this action and affirm our commitment to the value of diversity. This sort of behavior is harmful to the entire community and totally outside the bounds of the civil discourse that we promote here at Eastern. This is not a place where hate will be tolerated.

Eastern Washington University strives to be a diverse community of learners. As many of you know, the Board of Trustees has initiated a comprehensive initiative to build a stronger community that is inclusive, respectful and supportive of all its members. We value and remain dedicated to free speech and the expression of all views in a civil manner that respects opposing points of view and the dignity of every individual.

If you discover any racist literature posted on campus, please call University Police at 359-6300. We are asking members of the community to be aware, and if anyone witnesses individuals posting such literature to please also report the incident to University Police.

Stephen M. Jordan, EWU President

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This week ON CAMPUS

Events Info

THURSDAY

Northwest Boulevard reading: Students who had their work published in Eastern's literary magazine will read their work. Special guest poet Mark Halperin. 7 p.m. Showalter Auditorium.

Free Concert: Eric E. will perform hits from the last 80 years. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Mall area.

FRIDAY

Line Dancing: Free in PUB 206 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

The last day to transfer money to the FLEX Account

Volunteers needed: The Mi Hogar Project is looking for volunteers for the 2002-03 school year. 1 p.m. PUB 302.

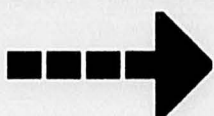
SATURDAY

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY

Concert: The No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems tour featuring Kenny Chesney, Montgomery Gentry, Jamie O'Neal, and Phil Vassar. Spokane Arena, 7 p.m.

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES



FRIDAY JUNE 14

Baccalaureate Service: A multifaith service of celebration for work accomplished by graduating seniors. 5 p.m. in the Rose Garden

SATURDAY JUNE 15

Commencement Ceremony: Celebrate the accomplishments of this year's graduating class of 2002. This year's speaker will be UW professor Dr. Leland Hartwell. 8:30 a.m., Woodward Stadium

Commencement speaker announced

Virginia Jameson
Reporter

Eastern Washington University will hold its annual Commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 15, with Nobel Laureate Dr. Leland Hartwell, president and director of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, delivering the Commencement address.

Dr. Hartwell is the winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine for his pioneering work in yeast genetics. His research findings* expanded the understanding of how normal cells divide and the mechanisms behind the uncontrolled growth of cancer cells. He conducted much of his groundbreaking work at the University of Washington, where he is professor of genetics and adjunct professor of medicine.

Eastern will confer 1,820 undergraduate degrees and 625 graduate degrees.

Commencement will be held in

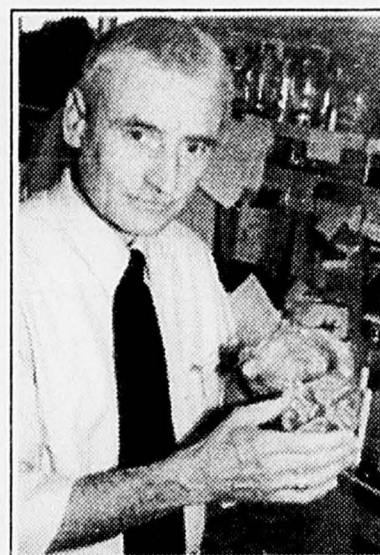
Woodward Stadium on Eastern's campus. Graduates will lineup in Eastern's central mall at 8 a.m., begin the Grande Marche to the stadium at 8:30 a.m., with the Commencement ceremony beginning at 9 a.m.

Each graduate is allowed to invite as many guests as he or she wishes. There is no reserved seating in the outdoor stadium, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. All guests are requested to be seated by 8:30 a.m.

Parking is free in campus Lots 3, 5, 6, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 18, with shuttle service available from the various parking lots.

Handicap/special needs parking is available in Lot 9; a state handicap permit must be displayed or special needs permit issued by the university in advance.

A barbecue will be held in the central mall of campus, beginning at 11 a.m. The cost is \$4.50 for adults/students, \$3.50 for persons 62 and older and \$3.50 for children age 10 and younger.



▲ Dr. Hartwell will speak June 14 at Graduation.

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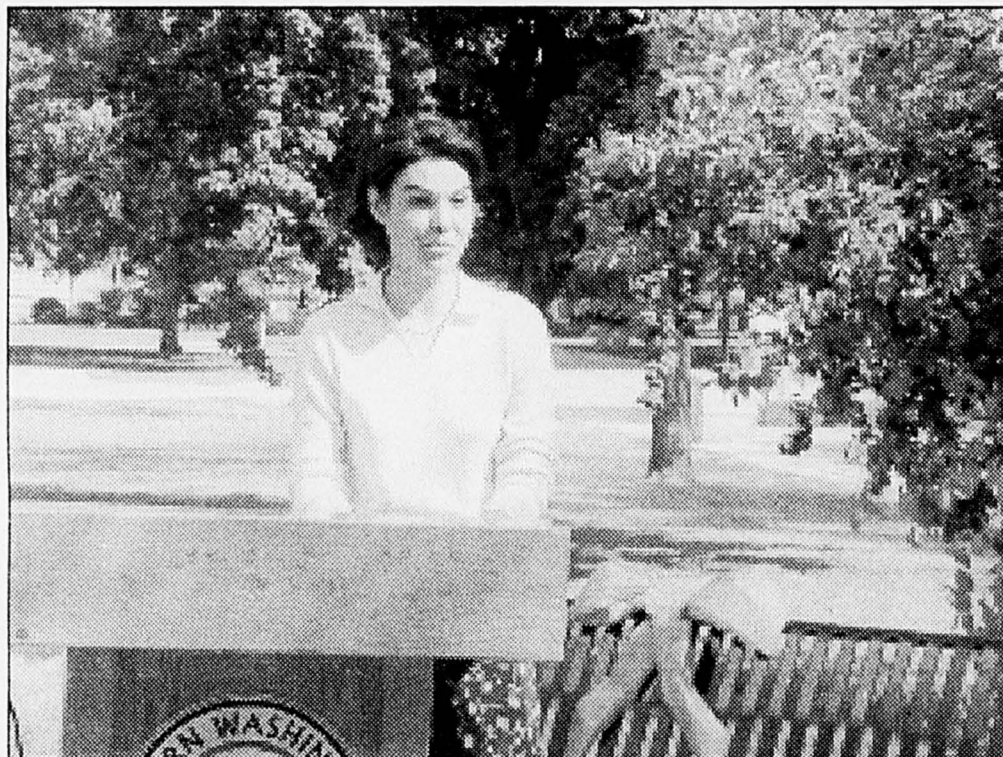
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Senior gift revealed in school house ceremony



▲ Senior Gift Foundation Coordinator Erin Roy presents EWU with the first senior class gift in years.

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

Spirits were high and the mood was festive as Eastern Washington University President Dr. Stephen Jordan and other representatives of the faculty, administration, and student body officially presented the 2002 Senior Class Gift.

This year's class gift is an attractive bench located in front of the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center [One Room School House]. Gifts donated by 44 members of the 2002 senior class provided the funding for the bench. This year's class gift is the first one since 1936.

EWU Foundation Assistant Director of Annual Giving Erin Roy, University Archivist Charles Luttrell, Education Professor Rita Seedorf, and senior class representative Sara Schmelzer gave short speeches about the history of senior gifts at Eastern and welcomed the renewal of a tradition that Roy said "is long overdue."

Schmelzer officially presented the senior class bench to President Jordan and the University. She had been involved with the fundraising efforts for the class gift and spoke about the value of being part of this year's project.

Dr. Jordan stressed the importance of Eastern students giving back to the community and University. He expressed gratitude to the city of Cheney for renovating College Avenue and enthusiastically discussed the practical applications of this year's senior gift. Dr. Jordan sees the class gift as a welcome addition to the improvements that have been made this year to the Cheney campus.

"I don't think there could have been a better place for the class gift than as part of the One Room School House," Jordan said.

Dr. Jordan commended the seniors who do-

nated to the project.

"These students were able to raise \$1,200 while they were still in college. Just think about how much they will be able to give to the University in 20 years," he said half-jokingly.

"I want to congratulate the class of 2002 for following in the footsteps of the classes of 1914 and 1915 who gave the Herculean Pillars, and the class of 1916 who gave the statue of Sacajawea," Luttrell said. "This is an appropriate way to give back to the University that nurtured you and prepared you for your careers."

Seedorf, who has written a book about the One Room School House that will be available from the EWU Press next fall quarter, concentrated more on the progress of the One Room School House project. She reported on fundraising efforts for the renovation, which should be complete by next year in time for the 2003 commencement ceremony, and helped conduct a tour of the facility for those who were interested in seeing the work in progress.

Roy thanked Associate Vice President For Facilities Mike Irish for his contributions to the class gift project and the One Room School House and Southwest Airlines for "rais[ing] awareness and incentives to make [students] more aware."

Dr. Jordan and the administrative staff and faculty hope that this year's gift will be the start of a new tradition here at Eastern.

VP named Interim Provost

Jeremy Kramer
News Editor

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich was named interim Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs on Wednesday. The appointment is effective Monday, June 10.

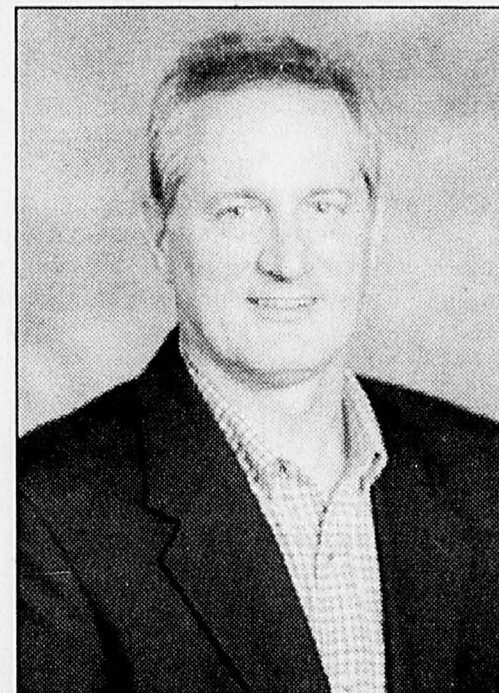
Levin-Stankevich replaces Peter A. Dual who stepped down from the position last week citing personal and family reasons.

"I have been impressed with his excellent academic credentials and his strong leadership in Student Affairs, which helped lead the university out of its enrollment decline of the mid-1990s," said EWU President Dr. Stephen Jordan. "Brian is a strong-but-quiet, effective and collaborative leader who brings just what we need to Academic Affairs at this time."

Levin-Stankevich came to Eastern in 1995 as vice provost for Student Affairs and was named vice president for Student Affairs in 1999. When he arrived in Cheney from his position as associate dean of the Schmidt College of Arts and Humanities at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), Eastern was suffering from dwindling enrollments.

Dr. Jordan, who arrived at Eastern in the summer of 1998, credits Levin-Stankevich with initiating programs and strategies that were pivotal in helping turn the university's enrollments around. Today, Eastern is enjoying six straight quarters of record enrollments.

He holds a Ph.D. in Russian history from the State University of New York-Buffalo and was a Fulbright Scholar to Russia, also



▲ Interim Provost Brian Levin-Stankevich

having working visits to Russia and China.

He has also taught history at the university level and published in history and comparative education.

"Although Brian is already a member of the senior administrative team at Eastern, I welcome him in this new position and look forward to the progress we will make in Academic Affairs under his leadership," Dr. Jordan said.

Jordan, will now chair a search committee to find a permanent Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. He says that he hopes to name a permanent person by January 1.

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Racism and higher learning don't mix

Alec Radford
Reporter

I was recently informed that there have been racist flyers posted all over campus early this week by some ignorant fool. First off, I would like to personally say F--- YOU to whomever posted these flyers. I shaved my head bald one day before I found out about these and now this makes me look suspicious and because all these flyers are doing is spreading hate.

Just for the record, I shaved my head because I was sick of having hair in this scorching heat, not because I'm a narrow-minded bigot.

On a more serious note, seeing these derogatory flyers and knowing that someone is actually posting them around campus absolutely enrages me. We are students at an institution of higher learning. This is no place for people who are dumb enough to be racist. We live in the year 2002, decades of renovation and reformation of civil rights have produced equality for people of all ethnicities and cultures in our country. This isn't 1964 Birmingham, Alabama and this should definitely not be happening on our campus. I feel as though we've been invaded, and our whole community has been tainted by someone who believes

that culture and diversity, two of the most precious ideas people have, are wrong and are the cause of our nation's problems.

On one of the hate papers, it says something to the effect of "the result of diversity" and shows a picture of the aftermath of 9/11 (so I hear). That is one of the most ridiculous things I've ever heard. The World Trade Center bombings were the result of a terrorist's hate for our country and its power, but that's another story.

The point is that diversity is what makes our country great, narrow-mindedness and racial injustice is what its past and present is tainted

with.

We are a nation that preaches the ideas of opportunity and equality for all, regardless of color, sexuality, or gender. That's what true Americans believe in. I'm sure whoever is posting these flyers think that they are true patriots and have some warped sense of nationalism, but they're wrong.

I wouldn't be surprised if they've been influenced by previous generations, who've been influenced by previous generations that were racist for some ludicrous reason or another. But these beliefs should have been stopped decades ago (or never started at all). We've come a long

way in the past 40 or so years and there's no room for prejudice. People need to start becoming more educated and realize there are no real reasons behind racial and cultural discrimination. Parents need to start passing on ideas of unity instead of hate.

I implore those of you reading this to do your best to stop the spreading of such awful things as racism. And to those of you who caused me to write this article: If you ever gather enough courage to preach your ideas of hate and ignorance in person, I'll be the first to confront you if I can do it before the other thousands of Eastern's students who disagree with your idiotic views.

I'm a nonconformist... just like everyone else

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

The disposable nature of American youth culture makes being hip far too much work.

It isn't good enough to read Thoreau or Kerouac and vow to be an iconoclast going out to live simply, or rediscover America, or get phone numbers from 50 girls, or whatever your personal mani-

festo happens to be. You have to invest most of your energy that could be used for rebellion on keeping up with all the stuff that your friends are into and doing your darnedest to look as trendy as the people on MTV.

It's a never-ending, frustrating cycle. You go out of your way to be into something only five or six people you know have heard of before, and three weeks later, your

new obscure interest is all the rage and people you would never speak to are doing the same stuff you are. In order to maintain the illusion that you're unique, you have to raise the stakes and find something even more obscure to pretend that you enjoy until you finally convince yourself that it has more artistic merit than whatever you were into six months ago.

At some point, most people are

going to realize that trying to be cool is too exhausting. They will realize they can survive without wearing the same shirts as favorite television stars and simply enjoy the things that make them happy.

The trick is to reach that point while you still have some idea of who you really are. Few things in life hurt more than realizing you have been lying to yourself and everyone who had to put up with

you and that you don't even like the person you turned into during your teens and twenties. Instead of gearing up for a huge personal crisis when you reach your thirties, you should just bypass all the hassle and start being yourself now while you still have most of your hair. Just think. All the time and money you save can be invested in something that would really annoy your parents.

Psychic Headache

"Do You Kiss my Mother with That Mouth?"

By: Steven W.



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A survivor's guide to life at Eastern

Jeremy Kramer
News Editor

There's an old proverb that says, "Everything I ever needed to know, I learned in kindergarten."

If this is true, then why the heck have I spent the last 16 years in school and spent over \$20,000 in college?

The answer is simple really, the guy who wrote the proverb is full of CRAP.

So, in the spirit of me and every other graduating senior who has spent the last 16 years and \$20,000, I have come up with my own list.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

Everything I Ever Needed To Know, I learned at Eastern Washington University.

It is important to stay away from the ground squirrels. You never know what kind of pesticides they now possess.

Always carry Tums or another type of antacid everywhere you go. That Baldy's food will always catch up to you in the middle of class.

Beware of Parking Enforcement. Feed the meters, make sure to have a permit, do not park over the lines, Don't park in the 15 minute zone in front of Pearce for two hours. All of these will cost you \$10, believe me, I know.

When taking a class at the Spokane Center, take the bus because there isn't a parking spot available within two miles of the building.

Cops will use any reason in the world to check if you are drunk. Funny story: a couple of weeks ago, I was on my way to my internship, and I got pulled over by a cop.

The reason the cop gave me was

The Math department, in a wild scheme to make money by keeping students in Math 104 will always stick grad students and student teachers in the Math 101 and Math 104 classes...

that the year tab on my license plate was peeling off. The cop then asks me a series of sobriety questions. After only looking at my license (never running it or taking my registration) and making sure that I was not drunk, he let me go.

The Math department, in a wild scheme to make money by keeping students in Math 104 will always stick grad students and student teachers in the Math 101 and Math 104 classes...confusing the hell out of students, causing them to fail, making them take the class again. It's a slippery slope kind of deal.

Certain classes like Economics 100 will always be useless unless you are a business major. I have a hard time balancing my checkbook, and

you want me to learn about supply and demand...BITE ME!!!

Until our Men's Basketball team beats Gonzaga in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, they will never get the recognition they deserve from the local media.

Besides drinking at the several local taverns, there will never be a whole lot of things a college student can do in Cheney on a weekend. How many times can people spend \$3 to bowl a game or sit in a movie theater with crappy sound?

After living in the Residence Halls for four years a few things are obvious: never expect to go to bed before midnight, do laundry late at night...that way you can use several different machines, and things that are broken, stay broken.

But what amazes me is that there are still things that I still do not know, even after \$20,000. Wonderments that when I look at them or think about them I scratch my head.

I still do not know why the only time that people burn popcorn in the Res halls, causing the fire alarm to go off, is at 3:00 a.m. The microwaves now come with a neat popcorn button...PUSH THE DAMN THING!

I still have no clue what my EWUID is.

I don't know why I'm in \$20,000 of debt even though I work three jobs while taking 16 credits and getting good grades.

I don't know why I wasted the

first two years here taking meaningless classes which has taken up my valuable brain space.

I could be using that space to learn more sports statistics or movie quotes...but no. I had to learn about Astronomy and Economics and Ancient History, things that I will never ever use again unless I make it on a game show or something (and I'm not smart enough to make it on a game show so it is wasted information).

I don't understand why students don't get some sort of refund when instructors cancel classes. Think about it...we pay \$988 per quarter for tuition. The average student takes 15 credits and the average class goes 50 days. This means that for every cancelled class the university gets \$1.32 from every student in that class, for teaching them nothing.

According to the university's website, the average class size is around 21. This means that \$27.72 goes to the university. Sounds like a pretty good deal.

Looking into the future, I know that I will think positively about my time at EWU.

I won't miss the parking tickets or the meaningless classes I had to take, or the food. But the one thing I will miss are all of the students, staff, and faculty that I have gotten to know over the last four years. Those relationships alone are worth a heck of a lot more than \$20,000.

The Easterner

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Starflyer59 rocks mall rats

Mallory Mishler
Reporter

Fruity, bubbly writing on the cement entrances to residence halls, flyer upon flyer upon wall upon flyer resulting in inevitable hyper-active retina activity, and the ever-so-traditional...

"What are you doing tonight?"

"I don't know. What are you doing?" [repeat 10 times adding "dude" every other time]

Which accounts for the noticeably stray folk in the audience that seem to have nothing better to do. However, that is usually the case. Chances are you didn't get very far without hearing something about the StarFlyer59, Rand-Univac, and Dance Imperative show on Tuesday night out in The Mall. I think I got about 22 feet... (Lolita has been reminding me about the show since last Tuesday. She expressed an intensely desired level of intimacy with the lead vocalist of StarFlyer59 based solely on appearance).

Moving on.

The show began promptly at 8:00 p.m. with the mellow yet concentrated stage presence and over-all attitude of Dance Imperative (Ryan Phillips on vocals, Nathan Lowe on drums, and Joel Watrous on bass). To be perfectly honest, I didn't quite know what to think at first. I mean, I liked what I was hearing, but there seemed to be so much going on in general that I couldn't stay focused on just one thing. It wasn't that the boys and girls in attendance were running around naked in a devilish attempt to try and distract me from discovering my true position on Dance Imperative. I couldn't decide whether I should consider the band's greatest musical strength to be mastery of their instruments, their entertainment value, or their vocals and harmonies. For a band that has only been together officially for five months, I found that Dance Imperative had a pretty strong case of all three.

When interviewed (if one could even call it that) after the show, I think Ryan Phillips gave me the best answer I've ever heard to the question of lyrical and general influence: "I like to take eccentric characters from movies—such as Harold and Maude where the female character steals a tree from the city with the intent of planting it in the forest... or other greats and take their experiences and place them into songs. Lyri-

cally, it's hard to explain. For example, take the girl who wears sandals all year long in protest of the seasons changing—she is defiant of how things are. I'm not trying to prove anything [with the lyrics], but there are so many predictable constants in the universe and I would like to point at those."

I thought that was a great answer. He is obviously an educated man with a purpose. Phillips also said that the band has been pretty busy with recording, but is still open for shows. Dance Imperative is expecting a five (or six) song EP out in the middle of July and anticipating some touring next summer. As a matter of fact, while I was sitting there, Ryan was carrying on a super side conversation with two fans inquiring about shows in their area—needless to say, Phillips wrote down the contact information and sounded generally pleased while handing the two lovely ladies Dance Imperative pins. What a nice guy!

And the show went on.

Rand-Univac. Indescribable. I believe a friend once described them as "trippy-neo-classic-rock-post-grunge-hippie-funk." However, on the Spokane Bands web page, these gentlemen describe themselves as, "evoking elements of Radiohead, Sunny Day Real Estate, and Travis, without really sounding like any of these bands." The band cites influences such as Don Caballero, Yes, Tortoise, Yesterday's New Quintet, American Football, and modern composers such as Claude Debussy and Samuel Barber. Rand-Univac is composed of Andrew, an admirer of indie/math-rock/prog-rock on bass, Josh from the greater Seattle area, Mr. Kevin jazz influence, and Jeremiah with the folk/old school country background. In any case, whomever such a great credit should be attributed, the crowd was swaying and almost on the brink of dancing—which, if you've seen some of the people at Eastern Washington, is a HUGE deal for a one and a half year old band. Rand-Univac has a band spanking new CD out titled "Sounds of Rand-Univac"... kind of like a "vintage record title thing." One might purchase the CD (which I urge you to do) at the band's website—www.redshiftrecordings.com. The band's next show will be this Friday, June 7 along with Ambitious Career Woman, Non-Perishable, and

Buddy Ruckus. Mark the calendar. If, for some horrible reason you miss the show on June 7, have no fear—Rand-Univac is playing June 13 at Café Sole (downtown Spokane) with Air Show and Farewell Bike Ride.

Last, but not least. StarFlyer59. What to say, what to say? Before attending, I noticed that these guys were on Tooth and Nail Records (home of Crash Rickshaw, Further Seems Forever, The Juliana Theory, and other noted artists), which, in my book, is an accomplishment. Jason Martin on vocals, Jeff Cloud on bass, and Joseph Esquibel on drums make up the melodious resonance of StarFlyer59. Finalizing the night and slowly bringing it to an end with a big bang, StarFlyer59 lead the audience into the night with their beautiful music that didn't put anyone to sleep.

The people who set up this event did a really good job of getting musicians who reside in the same genre to play—which is good and bad at the same time. It is good because fans of one

particular type of music might become exposed to new bands of the same genre. It is bad because people who are fans of all types of music, but haven't figured out the levels of adoration for each, get bombarded with what sounds like the same sounds, tunes, chords, etc. over and over when in reality, they aren't the same at all. To be honest, by the time StarFlyer59 played, my ears were tired. It didn't mean they didn't like what was being said to them, they're just sensitive and they get moody when they don't get enough sleep.

Two thumbs up for those who hung in there and three thumbs up to all the bands who gained and earned new fans last night. Now remember, June 7, 2002—be there or be somewhere else. A bunch of rad bands (as listed before) including Rand-Univac (an opportunity to make it up to your pitiful self if you missed the show) are playing. Invite your buddies, your girlfriends, your boyfriends, and your mom and come to the PUB to have a good time.

GAY PRIDE WEEK COMES TO A CLOSE

EWU's Gay Pride Week will be wrapping up this week with a poetry reading on Thursday in the Women's Study Lounge of Monroe Hall. Organized by Students Advocating For Equality (SAFE), Gay Pride Week is a chance to bring awareness to the community.

"This week is a chance for us to make others at EWU aware that we are here and we are just like everyone else except for our sexual orientation." Says Kat Olson, SAFE chairperson. "We want people to recognize that we are a part of the community, not a separate group."

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Not quite 'Sinnistar' enough...

Dustin Estes

Incoming On-Line Editor

According to their press release, "...Sinistar are the next crusaders in a long line of outsider artists." The key words are long line, and they seem to be bringing up the rear end of that line.

Sinistar comes to us out of Los Angeles, the five members Edgy, China, Sid, Breck, and Shadow, all have the neo-punk, heroin-chic, "I hate the sun" look.

As far as the music goes, it's a mix of heavy riffs, sprinkled with an occasional guitar solo. They're your basic synthesizer rock band with an industrial look. They have the same sound we've been bombarded with for the past year by bands like Linkin Park, Disturbed and Rammstein.

It seems that with every passing day a new rap/rock/hardcore band appears, you can add Sinistar to the list.

The first track on the album, "White noise" has an up-beat flavor, unlike some of the other songs which have dark and ominous feel to them

like the last cut on the album "Psycho Sexy" which is about, well I'm not sure what any of the songs are about, and I had the lyrics to look at.

Though the sound of the band as a whole fails to achieve any kind of musical originality or excellence, the lead singer Edgy is worth checking out.

Edgy sounds a bit like Chester Bennington the front man for Linkin Park, with a dash of Perry Ferrell (formerly of Porno for Pyros and Janes Addiction). Unfortunately both the song writing and the sound are neither catchy nor creative, and about half way through I started counting cracks in the floor of my office.

If you're into the above mentioned bands—and I mean really into them—you might want to check these guys out.

But if you're like me—which you are probably not, because if you were the world would be a much better place—you'll save the money you worked so hard for serving up fries at McShit burger, for better things like sex, drugs and real rock'n'roll CDs.



▲ Mean. Nasty. Sinister. And trying hard to be like the bands they're following in the wake of.



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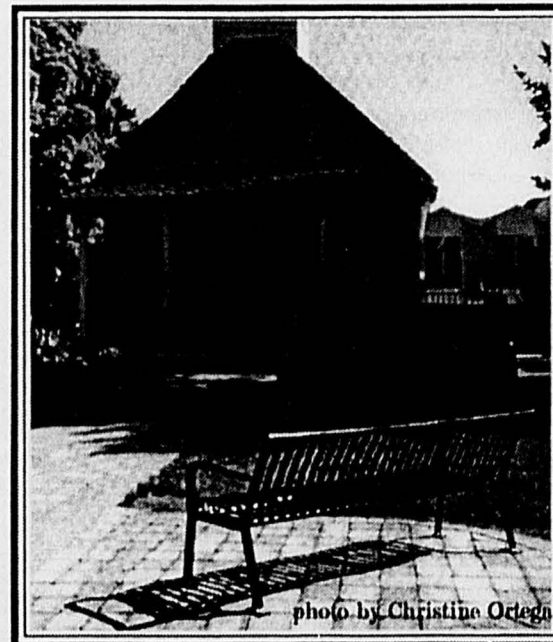
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Seniors' memories are good ones

Alec Radford

Reporter

With spring quarter coming to an end, we all look forward to a long summer break (unless you're taking summer classes, you fools) filled with hometown friends, parties, and well, home (unless you're staying in Cheney you FOOLS).

But then there are the seniors. The ones who have attended this great institution for their final year. They have seen Eastern go through many changes in the past couple of years, and they have to start their real lives very soon.

Photographer Christine Ortega and I set out to find some seniors and ask them to share their wisdom and knowledge of Eastern with us.

The first senior we found was Joshua Gardner, a student who has attended this school and been involved in the Greek system for four years. I asked Mr. Gardner how Eastern has changed since he has been here, and he named off a number of things.

He spoke of the olden days when LA Hall wasn't even open, the mall had just been completed, and the dorms were just reaching capacity.

Gardner "was listening to the radio one

time... and they talked about how Eastern was possibly going to merge with Wazzu because their enrollment was so low and they were doing so poorly at the time."

Gardner said that Eastern has done a "180 degree turnaround since then." Also, in the past four years there has been an increase in "traditional" students attending Eastern—the students who live in the dorms, stay here on the weekends and attend sporting events to show their school pride.

"Everything has gotten better every year," according to Gardner. One of his best memories was the year when Darren Cooper sunk the game winning three pointer in the last regular game of the season, a game that Gardner remembers the Eagles usually losing, and "like 15 people rushed the court." Now, that's proof that Eastern is becoming a big time school.

Our next senior was Jim Shepherd, who has also been at Eastern for four years and has been involved in clubs and organizations along with winning the title of Mr. Eastern his sophomore year.

Being involved with Eagle Ambassadors has been an "excellent leadership opportunity," and college has helped him "deal with the real

world... and deal with disgruntled people."

Eastern has also helped him grow up and learn "when and where to say things, and when and where not to say things."

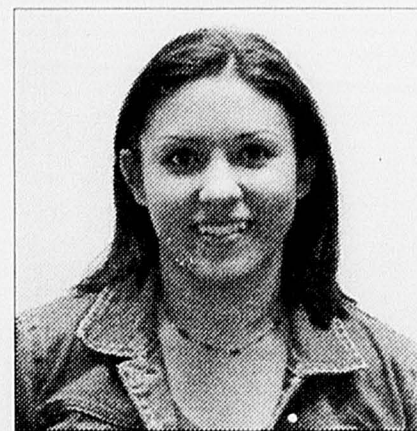
His best memory is, of course, winning the Mr. Eastern competition.

Carrie Tompkins, an employee in the Study Abroad office, has noticed a lot of renovation of the campus buildings and says that it's been "really nice."

Tompkins also says that she has seen a lot more students travelling to other countries than there were before. She studied abroad herself and said that she "matured from that" and "it was a good experience."

Evangelina Cunningham was working diligently on a paper when we approached her. She has noticed Eastern getting bigger every year, "especially in the Chicano department" which she is involved in along with the McNair Scholars program. Evangelina attended University of Washington her freshman year, and she said that she has met a lot more people here and everyone is a lot friendlier.

Also, "the teachers are a lot more personable and you get to know your professors a lot more than at other schools," she said.



Christine Ortega/The Easterner

▲ *Evangelina Cunningham, EWU Senior and McNair Scholar.*

One memory of the campus community that sticks out in her mind is students and members of the community and various churches coming together to mourn those lost on September 11.

All four of these seniors have had positive careers as Eastern students, and there are many more who will graduate with them. Good luck to all of the graduating class, whether you are going to graduate school, getting married and settling in the suburbs, or on your way to becoming the next president of the United States.

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Geography of opinions

Emily Lynn
Reporter

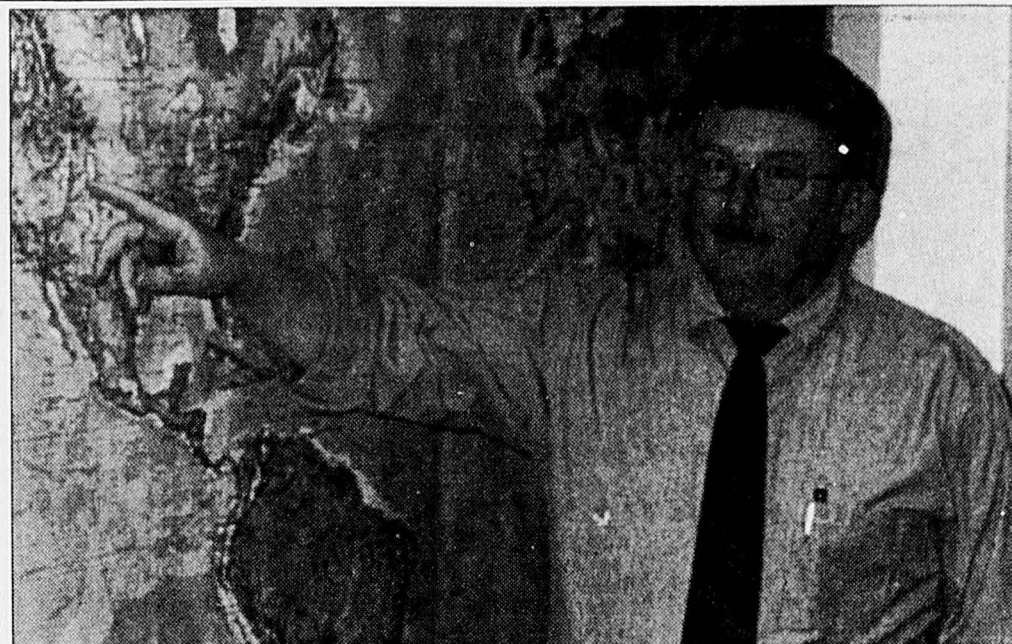
"You want to talk to somebody with opinions; you came to the right place," said Professor Dan Turbeville, a Geography teacher here at Eastern.

Turbeville gets to teach students about a subject that doesn't get a whole lot of recognition, but is valuable to almost every job out there. Turbeville has three degrees in Geography and believes "it's an absolute necessity." He's been at Eastern for 10 years now and plans to work for another 10 before he retires. Turbeville was in the Navy for 33 years and said, "I spent much of my Navy career in naval intelligence and in aviation. My geography was a great help to me

there." While Professor Turbeville is a strong supporter of the Geography department, he also supports other ideas on campus.

One thing Turbeville feels strongly about is the way classes are scheduled right now. He doesn't like the fact that most classes are held for one hour, everyday. He feels that "we need to meet fewer times a week and have longer classes. You can get a lot more done in a two-hour block than you can in two one-hour blocks because of the chaos at the beginning and end of the period." Turbeville would like to see a block schedule for all classes, but thinks it might take some time to get enough support to change the current schedule.

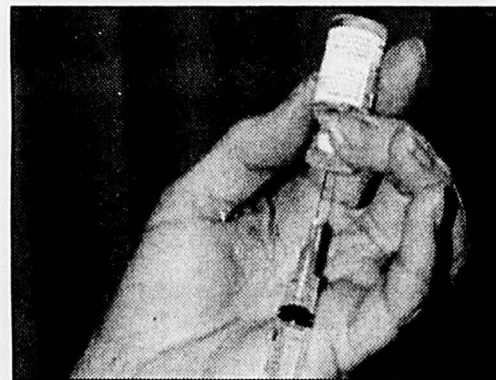
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▲ Professor Turbeville points out some geography.

Emily Lynn/Easterner

EWU to offer Meningitis shots



▲ Ouch, it's vaccination time.

File Photo

Courtney Cobb
Reporter

Eastern will provide students the opportunity to receive meningitis vaccinations next fall due to a decision made by the Student Health Advisory Committee. The vaccinations will only be offered once on November 6 in the Pub MPR.

However, the inoculation is not covered by student health fees and will cost students \$80. Tiffany Manhart, the ASEWU Student Health and Safety Services council member, says the disease is "something that's fairly rare and the vaccination is expensive." If Eastern were to provide this service full-time for students, it would only raise the student health fees.

Meningitis affects about 100 college students each year. The most recent outbreak infected three different students who were living on Greek Row at Washington State University.

The vaccination should last three years and there is a three-month period before it takes its total effect. "It's not necessary for all students," said Manhart. "It could be a precaution." The vaccinations are recommended for freshman and students who are living in highly populated areas, like the residence halls.

Freshman will be the targeted audience for these shots because their surroundings, eating, and sleeping patterns have changed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that freshman living in dorms are six times more likely to contract the disease than other college students.

Parking issues at Spokane Center

Tayla Tovey
Reporter

It's 5:48 p.m. on a Tuesday and you're driving like a maniac to get to class on time. You make that familiar left turn onto Wall Street and begin to scout out a parking space. You drive all the way down to First Avenue and find nothing. You curse loudly as you turn right onto First and then decide to circle the block again. After driving several blocks, you notice it's now 6:02 p.m. and you are officially late for class.

For many students who attend classes at the EWU Spokane Center, this scene is all too familiar. And according to those who go to school

downtown, this is one student service they would like to see put into action.

"Parking is a pain in the ass," said junior Marty Gonzalaz. Gonzalaz said he got a parking ticket the first time he parked downtown and wishes there was something the University could do to provide more spaces.

There is currently no free parking for students at the Spokane Center during the day. Though there is a parking lot available to students after 5 p.m. that costs just \$2, it only has 72 spaces. With the approximately 600 students who regularly attend classes downtown in the evenings alone, most are forced to either hunt for a spot at the meter or pay to park in a lot.

The staff at the Spokane Center recently put out a survey to find out what students thought about issues such as parking, registration and financial aid. Gail Potter, the Program Coordinator at the Spokane Center said she knew parking would be the biggest issue before they even distributed the survey. Unfortunately, Potter and the other staff that run student services at the Spokane Center have no control over the parking situation.

"The University owns no property for parking in Spokane," Potter said. According to

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Sex or Art?

Modeling in the nude

Alexandra Holt
Reporter

Everyone has had that embarrassing dream where they're in their birthday suit in front of perfect strangers. Now imagine it is a reality; you are paid for it and these strangers are staring at you for hours while they paint and draw you. Scary, huh? Maybe to the average person, but not for nude models or the artists who draw them.

Although most models will admit that their first time was far from a comfortable experience, it got easier and now they realize that the students "view them as a piece of furniture," as model and Eastern student, Diedra Woods, 22, put it.

When Woods was 19, she saw an ad for modeling and called to inquire about it. To her surprise EWU art department informed her that she would be nude.

Because Woods is insecure with her body, she felt that "what a better way to get over that than to show it to a roomful of strangers who are going to analyze every inch of it."

She adds, "And, you can't beat \$10 an hour."

Woods' theory on beating her low self-esteem worked. She feels like if she can do this, she can do anything.

"It (nude modeling) has helped a great deal," Woods said. "It has made me a lot more comfortable with myself and a lot more confident."

58-year-old Rosie, who did not wish to disclose her last name, began modeling for the EWU art department when the former art director was panicking to find a nude model. The former director knew that Rosie was a nudist, so she asked her.

"They can pay me to take off my clothes," Rosie laughed. "I don't care." She explains how much she enjoys

watching the students develop the drawing "from nothing into something just gorgeous."

Regardless of Rosie being involved in nudist organizations, such as American Association for Nude Recreation (A.A.N.R.) and the Northwest Nudist Association (N.W.N.A.), she describes how she felt during the first class she modeled for - "paranoid, panicky with butterflies." She compared it to how an actress feels their first time on stage.

Rosie said that it became comfortable during the third class she attended. Another nude model, Kat Olson, 20, agreed that "about the third time was really when it was easiest."

Olson is president of S.A.F.E. (Students Advocating for Equality) as well as an art major. She knows the professors, so that made her a little more comfortable to be modeling.

But, even though Olson prepared herself for her first time - to have a robe so she wouldn't have to walk out nude - one of the teachers of the figure drawing class, didn't have a model one night and asked Olson

to fill in on the spot. Olson was forced to walk to the middle of the classroom naked.

"It was just very nerve-racking," she said. "I was shaking and a student later told me that I broke out into hives."

Olson's modeling situation is different from the other models, because the students aren't always strangers to her. Some of them were classmates of hers in the past or became classmates to her in future quarters.

She refuses to say that it is weird, but did say, "It was awkward at first."

Now Olson realizes that "they were looking at me for form and line, not just as a naked girl."

Speaking of a girl, what about the possibility of a male nude model? Tom Battista, 25, is one.

Battista is married with two young children and has been modeling in the EWU art department for three years now. He gets mixed reactions from people, especially other men.

"I already know a man's reaction before I tell them," Battista said. "So, they're someone I don't tell." Despite the normal stereotype perceived of male nude models, Battista has no question about his sexuality.

Unlike some of the woman models, body image was never an issue with Battista. He says that even if he was a lot over weight it still wouldn't bother him because he knows that it is just art.

"The human body is beautiful," he said. "It (figure drawing class) is not an arena to hit on women, or see how many women will hit on me."

Battista said that he would get down on his knees and beg people to look at nude modeling as an art class - because that is all it is.

Every model had the same remark regarding the art students - "they're really nice." The models all enjoy conversing with them after class while they observe the students' sketches.

Kara Davies, 32, is a secondary art ed major who has taken figure drawing many times at various schools such as Western Washington University and Spokane Falls Community College.

"I've had like 10 to 15 quarters of life drawing classes," Davies said. "It's my favorite."

One would assume being the stu-

You just get comfortable with it and it becomes a normal thing after awhile.



▲ An artist sketch of a nude model.

dent in this type of class would be the best position to be in, rather than being the naked model in the spotlight. But, Davies remembers the first class she took and said that she was "nervous."

"I was 18 and a little immature," she chuckled. She recalled when they had their first male nude model and she had to leave the room to giggle.

"You just get comfortable with it and it becomes a normal thing after awhile," Davies said. "Now it's all I want to do (draw nude models)."

21-year-old art major, Ellen Picken emphasizes how much drawing a nude figure "helps in my artistic skills." She said that students see the model's personality or "just shapes and shadows," when they're drawing a subject.

When Picken showed a co-worker one of her drawings, the co-worker was shocked to see that the particular model was heavyset - Picken sees this as a prime example of the expectation there is of nude models.

"I enjoy having a variation of bodies," Picken said. "It gets very boring drawing a perfect body all the time." She reiterated that it is just "too predictable."

Lanny Devuono, a figure drawing teacher at Eastern who received rave reviews from both the models and the students, stated, "No one emerges from this class without getting better."

She said that people outside the class get confused and do not understand the concept of drawing nude people.

But, Devuono clarified how it helps when students see the muscles of the body and the curve of the spine.

Devuono purposely does not stick with one particular model or gender, so the class can learn to focus on the basic structural elements - the horizontals (pelvis, shoulders) and verticals (torso).

"Learning to draw the figure and its structure is an incredible tool," Devuono stated. "I wouldn't be the artist I am had I not taken figure drawing."

The only complaint from students about the models was that sometimes they can not sit still.

Other than that, Woods emphasized, "Don't knock it 'til you try it."



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Battle of the boys

Josh Hall
Reporter

Most people know about the bars in Cheney. However, those who don't venture out of our small little corner of Washington may not know about some of the bars in Spokane. Only 20 miles away, Spokane has a vastly different bar scene, a good one I might add. My task was to find Spokane's top three bars for college students. A lot of hard work went into this mission, long nights spent at bars throughout town, but I think it paid off. The bars were judged on three main criteria; the first being atmosphere. Anyone can build a place and call it a bar, but there has to be something that distinguishes it from all the others. The next criteria was employees, all great bars have great bartenders. In addition, the last thing to look at was what the bar has to offer, games, pool tables, special nights, and other promotions that people come in for.

Spokane is filled with bars, from hole-in-the-wall watering holes, to high class wine bars. Somewhere in the middle falls three great bars for college students...and the winners are?

The Great Scott

Bronze: Hidden on the upper-South Hill, the Great Scott Irish Pub and Grill is a great place to hangout with friends. It has been a fixture in the South Hill neighborhood for over four years. The Scott, as many people call it, may lack the atmosphere of its counterparts, it may be an Irish pub but you probably could never tell. The atmosphere is eclectic, mainly neon bar signs and posters hanging up; however, what it lacks in atmosphere it makes up for in many other areas.

The Scott has many things to offer for college students, "We have everything, Beer, drink specials, hospitality, a great crew, and beautiful woman," said Shane Rickey, Great Scott's general manager. They also have a great location, far from the clutter of downtown, "Why go downtown where you have to struggle to get a seat and a drink," said one Great Scott patron. Brian Rice,

the head bartender at the Great Scott says, "The staff rocks, the environment rocks, and the bands rock."

The Scott has live music, mostly alternative and rock, every Friday and Saturday. They also have Karaoke every Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Pool tables, dartboards, and video games abound in this bar. If you are a pool shark call and find out when the next pool tournament starts. To top that off the Great

Scott never charges a cover, so all the money you bring can go towards wonderful beverages. The Scott also has a great food menu, offered all day. I would suggest the late night menu; the onion rings and not-so-wee nachos always hit the spot.

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Silver: Located in the heart of Spokane a tiny little bar has grabbed second place. Gabby's Irish Pub is a great spot to meet friends and have some drinks. The atmosphere is strictly Irish, with pictures of the homeland strewn about and other Irish knick-knacks. "It's a small bar, but very cozy," said Amon, bartender extraordinaire. He likes working here because as soon as you walk through the door he can remember your drink, which is always nice, but then again, it makes you wonder if you are drinking a little too much. However, as long as he remembers my Kokane I won't complain.

Gabby's is a fun place to be on a Friday or Saturday night. It gets busy fast, so you had better get there to grab a seat, or else you will be standing all night. Gabby's also has a full menu, which is excellent. The menu is full of Irish favorites, as well as other traditional dishes, like hamburgers, and they always have a daily food special. Nevertheless, the bar is where it's at. Aaron Moffatt, a Senior at Eastern, says, "I like it [Gabby's] because it is a small bar and all kinds of people come in." Which is true, Gabby's gets visited by all kinds of people, from business men just getting off work, to the college student procrastinating on their homework. The best thing about Gabby's is it is located in the heart of downtown, you can park anywhere, and it is still within walking distance.

Gabby's is located at 514 W. Sprague Ave phone: 459-3343. They are open Saturday and Sunday until 2 a.m.

Gabby's

the street and get a quick drink while on break from class. In this bar, the

atmosphere is the thing. As you walk in you will notice it isn't like most of the other bars in Spokane, this one is clean and well kept, they pride themselves on that. Blue Spark is also known for their beer, if you are a beer connoisseur, this is the place. The Blue Spark has over 40 different beers on tap, many of them microbrews. Their slogan is "No Crap On Tap!"

Brooklynd, a student at Gonzaga, was our bartender, she said, "I like the atmosphere. It is the only place that focuses on atmosphere in Spokane."

Which is true, as you walk in you can really tell they have achieved the eclectic-alternative-music scene niche. They have posters, ranging from KISS, Elvis Costello, and David Bowie, hanging on the wall. The jukebox is just as wild as the posters on the wall. Put in a couple dollars and listen to music legends from all eras, 50's, 60's, disco, and punk. You name the jukebox probably has it. "The great thing about the Blue Spark is that it is so diverse," said Jessica Fransen, a Senior at Eastern. All this is true, they have music ranging from reggae, ska, punk, and alternative. The Spark also has daily attractions to bring you through the door. Monday is open-mike night,

▲ Patrons of The Blue Spark have a great time.

so swing in with a song or poem you would like to share. Tuesday, is Pub Trivia, and Wednesday is \$8 bucket of beer night. Live music is usually on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Blue Spark also has food, a menu ranging from lasagna, chili, nachos, and pizza. Brooklynd also made sure to let me know that, "customers are our number one priority." The Blue

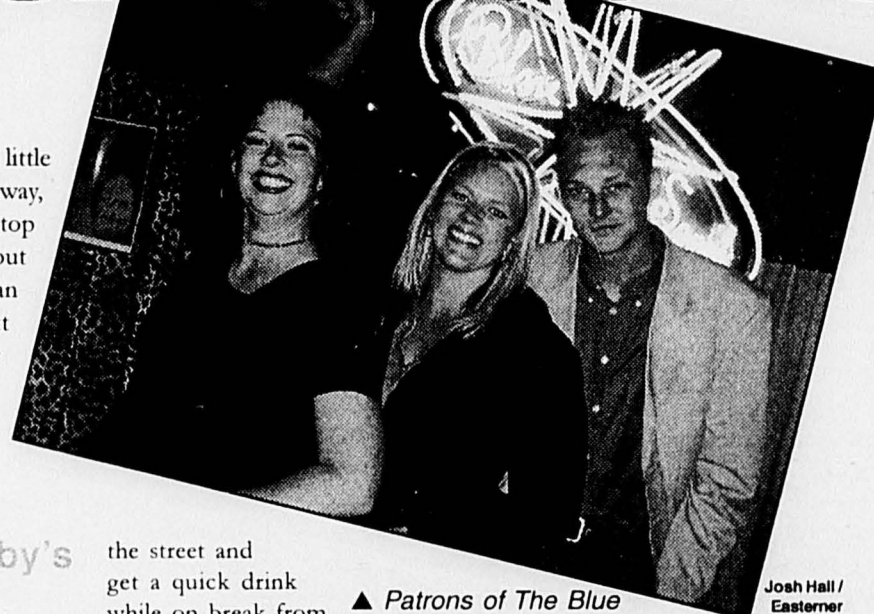
No crap on tap!

have great food, great service, and make great drinks," said Brenda Kenison, a Senior at Eastern. "We are always attempting to be on the edge as far as mixing drinks," said Brooklynd. Their hard work has paid off, The Blue Spark is Spokane's best college bar.

The Blue Spark is located at 15 S. Howard St. and is open from Sat-Sun from 4 p.m.-2 a.m.

These bars are the best of the best, although everyone has their own preference as far as bars, you should try these winners. They have worked hard to create a place for students.

In no way does this article condone irresponsible drinking. Please be safe, and always have a designated driver.



▲ Party goes crowd The Blue Spark.

Gold: And the winner is...The Blue Spark. The Blue Spark is a great bar. It is right downtown, kitty-corner from the Spokane Center. I've been told, it's a great place to run across

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In search of...

Finding a soul mate, living together and getting married

Tayla Tovey
Reporter

Jill is 22 years old and is in her final year as an education major. She is on her way to doing something she's always wanted to do – become a kindergarten teacher. But Jill is also doing something she never thought she'd do – she's living with her boyfriend.

"I was going to go the traditional route," said Jill. "But now I do think it's a good way to judge how you can get along with the day-to-day things that come up when you're living together."

According to the National Marriage Project (NMP), a study done by Rutgers University, more young adults are living together than ever before. In fact, the study found that more than half of all first marriages are now preceded by living together.

NMP is an annual research study performed, in part, to analyze young adults' attitudes toward marriage and relationships. Along with the fact that more people are living together before marriage, the study found that many 20-something adults are cohabiting because of high aspirations to find and

marry their soul mate. Some of the study's other key findings:

The overwhelming majority of never-married singles agreed that when they marry, they want their spouse to be their soul mate.

A majority of young adults agree that living together before marriage is a good way to test how well suited you are for one another.

Less than half of young adults believe it is important to find a spouse who shares their own religion.

Fewer young people feel that child bearing and child rearing is a reason to get married.

A high percentage of young adults agree that marriage is hard work and a full-time job.

So how do EWU students fit into the study's findings? Though the NMP surveyed over 1,000 young adults, and only three people were interviewed for this article, this will at least give a sampling of the attitudes held by Eastern students. Like the study, those surveyed were young adults, ages 20-29, and included both married and single men and women.

Jill, the education major mentioned earlier, does fit into the study's findings that most young adults live

together before marriage. According to her, arguments about who does the dishes or who folds the laundry become less stressful than if you were married because you still have options.

Jill did agree it is important to marry someone who is your soul mate.

"I think you should marry someone because you love them and want them in your life forever," Jill said. For her, living together was a good way to find that out.

As far as belonging to the same religion being an important factor in finding a potential spouse, Jill said, "On a scale of one to 10, it's an eight." According to her, if your religious faiths are a long way from each other, your relationship probably won't work.

For Jill, a marriage without children is unthinkable. But she agrees that having children or wanting to have children is not necessarily a reason to get married.

Jill did not agree that marriage could be classified as a full-time job. She said that a good, strong marriage requires effort, but shouldn't be considered "work".

See Soul Mate page 16



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▲ Will you find your soul mate?

Congratulations Graduates!

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Love you, Mom

To my twin at heart Robbie...

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From Katie Gleason

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to each and every one of you that have just graduated. It is a great accomplishment that deserves recognition. Best of luck in your future!

Senator Jim West

Rice,

Congratulations! I know that you will go far in life, have faith in you and hope that all your dreams come true.

I will always be your little sister.

Johnny V

Congratulations on a job well done (really, it was about time)! May you always have happiness, good health and success.

**Jeff, Janet, Anna,
Nathan, Rhoda and Gordon**

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I am very proud of you, and always will be! I know how hard you worked and you did it.

Dream big and have fun. I love you!
Congratulations.

-Giraffe

Debra Page Gurr

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Love, Mom & Dad

Graduates...

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The Easterner Staff

Colette Flormann

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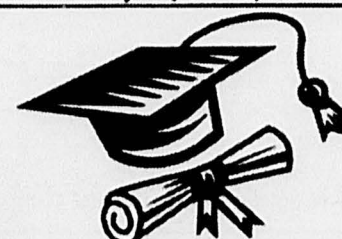
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Patrice

Congratulations Marg

We are so proud of you. You'll succeed in whatever you decide is best for you. We knew you could do it!

Love you, Mom, Josetta and Gram



Rental Reviews

Behind Enemy Lines



▲ "Behind Enemy Lines" moves as fast as this jet.

File Photo

Brian Triplett

Copy Editor

Behind Enemy Lines explores patriotism and what it means to be a hero against the backdrop of the conflict in Bosnia.

Owen Wilson plays Lieutenant Chris Burnett, a navigator in a two-man U.S. Navy F-18 flight crew who doesn't support American involvement in the war-torn country. Burnett and his pilot Stackhouse (Gabriel Macht) get shot down in hostile territory on Christmas during a surveillance mission. After watching Stackhouse get captured and brutally executed, Burnett is forced to find hidden depths within himself and overcome devastating odds to make it back to his ship.

Unlike Rambo, who is capable of taking on whole platoons with a hunting bow, Burnett is a more plausible character who spends most of

the movie running away from the legions of soldiers who are chasing him.

This approach makes it harder to see him as a hero. The story gives him plenty of chances to show that he is saving the day even as he hides in the woods and complains to his commanding officer Admiral Reigart, played by Gene Hackman, over a walkie-talkie.

Several implausible coincidences and gaps in the film's logic make it hard to fully enjoy the story. Also, the timing of this movie's release in the wake of the 9/11 tragedy makes it difficult to see the positive pro-military themes as anything other than nationalistic propaganda, with the evil Serbs as convenient stand-ins for the Taliban. If you're looking for a gripping, realistic modern war movie, you're better off renting Black Hawk Down. If you're simply looking for an entertaining story, Behind Enemy Lines will probably leave you feeling satisfied.

The Usual Suspects

Jeremy Sweatt

Contributor

The recently re-released version of the 1995 Brian Singer film, "The Usual Suspects" on DVD gives fans more of what makes this a truly great suspense film. Told through Kevin Spacey's character, Roger "Verbal" Kent, this film takes its audience through a twisting and turning tale of crime and punishment. The story revolves around a crew of professionals and their connections to a legendary arch criminal "Kaiser Souze". With the talents of Gabriel Byrne, Stephen Baldwin, Benicio DelToro, Chas Palmeretti, and host of others including the direction of Brian Singer, this movie carries the viewer effortlessly through a well-written and engaging script.

Kevin Spacey, who earned an Oscar by playing the partly paralyzed conman 'Verbal Kent', is



▲ Baldwin and Pollak

File Photo

used to tell the story through a dialogue between him and the tough Customs Agent Dave Coulleon (Chas Palmeretti). The true brilliance of this film comes from the unraveling of the story in the last few moments, leaving the audience rushing through their memories to piece together the puzzle of what happened, what didn't, and why.

Turbeville from page 12

Another thing Turbeville is a strong supporter of is changing Cheney. "The one thing Cheney desperately needs, and I cannot imagine why no one has done this, is a hotel or motel. It doesn't have to be top of the line," Turbeville said. He thinks adding a hotel would help all the people who travel here for commencement and would encourage visitors to stay in Cheney rather than in Spokane. Turbeville enjoys living in Cheney with his wife, but has "mixed feelings" about the town itself. "I live in Cheney because otherwise I'd spend half my life commuting between here and Spokane. I find it easier just to live in Cheney and be close to campus, so I can come in on the weekends," he said. "It's too close to Spokane to really have a personality as a town. That's my spin on it."

Turbeville also wants to show his appreciation for his co-workers. He loves working with his fellow geographers and said, "Even though there are only four of us right now, I've never worked with better people. We have a good, small program and it's easy to get hooked on."

Back to the topic of Geography, Turbeville enjoys guiding students towards careers in the Geography field and said, "That, to me, is very

satisfying; to open the door for them and show them a discipline that most American students don't have nearly enough exposure to. For the most part, students come in here geographically illiterate. Totally unaware of what's going on in the world around them. One of the things I like most about Geography is that it's such a broad, all-encompassing topic."

When asked about what he likes to do in his spare time and his hobbies, Turbeville replied, "With this teaching schedule, let me point out that there just isn't a lot of spare time." He added, "I'm not old enough to have hobbies yet, I don't think." While he didn't always want to be a teacher, Turbeville said, "I'm exactly where I wanted to be when I started. My kids are all grown; I just finished putting all three of them through college, so other than paying the bills for that, I'm happy, at the peak of my career. I would love to have more time to research and publish, but I think I'll be able to do some of that this summer."

If Turbeville could be remembered by one phrase, he said, "I'd want to be remembered as a good teacher. That's what we're here for. Somebody who was able to make a change in people's lives; to suggest to them pathways that they might not have considered."

Soul Mate from page 15

Clint, a 25-year-old journalism major, has been married for four years. He and his wife did not live together before getting married, but he said that it can be both an advantage and disadvantage.

"I think not living together was a motivation for me," Clint said. "By not living together, we were forced to get to know each other and spend time together other ways."

Clint agreed that finding someone you have a deep emotional and spiritual connection with is very important.

"I wouldn't go as cosmic as to say soul mate. But you have to be able to give any part of your being or personality and know that other person is going to respect that and give that back," Clint said.

Clint said finding a spouse who shares your own religion is very important. He feels that his wife sharing his religion actually helped heighten their relationship.

Clint said he felt marriage and kids were two totally separate issues. Because he and his wife have a daughter of their own, Clint knows the work required to balance marriage and children. But he said that people who use marriage as a "vehicle" to have kids are causing serious damage to their relationships.

Clint also said he considered marriage hard

work and a full time job. He said that going that extra mile to maintain happiness in your marriage is key.

"You have to always be on the same page and you have to know what your spouse is thinking and feeling. Communication is a huge thing," Clint said.

Sarah, a 22-year-old business major, has been married for two and a half months. Sarah said marriage is definitely something you have to work at every day.

"Marriage is a full-time job. You can't just run away for a day and leave your marriage behind because it's a commitment and will always be there when you get home," she said.

According to Sarah, religion is an issue that needs to be considered before marriage. She feels that being of opposite faiths will eventually cause problems in a marriage and that it helps to have some sort of common ground where religious beliefs are concerned.

Finding a soul mate was something Sarah felt was a bit idealistic. She said that though you might find that one true soul mate, there are probably many people in life that you will meet that could make you very happy.

Sarah also disagreed with living together before marriage.

"I strongly believe that if you truly love someone you will know how to get along without having to shack up first," Sarah said.

Spokane Center from page 12

Potter, there have been proposals to work out a deal with property owners to provide student parking.

However, that's something that would have to be done by Eastern administrators, not by the staff at the Spokane Center.

Potter said the main purpose of the survey was to gauge how important student services were to those who go to school downtown and at River Point, not to stir up the parking issue.

The final results from the survey have not yet been released, but Potter said the more than 900 responses should prove very helpful in determining what services best serve students.

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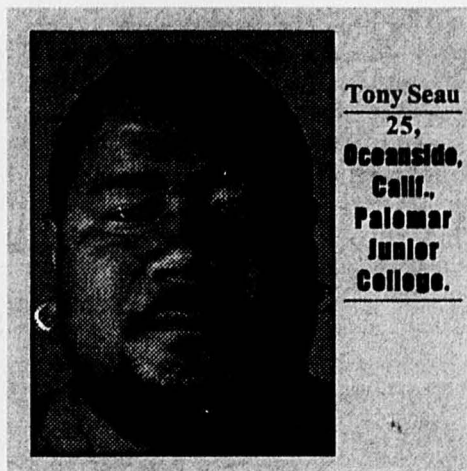
Seau appeared to be putting troubled past behind him

TOM FOX
Sports Editor

On Friday, May 24, graduates of Palomar Junior College in Southern California walked across stage to receive their Associate of Arts diplomas for the two-year college. Tony Seau, returned from Cheney, where he had been attending Eastern since January, as a student and was productive defensive tackle this spring with the Eagles football team.

Tony looked good. The mountain of a man had lost weight—standing 5-foot-11 and 310-pounds. It was a proud moment for him, and for his family. That short walk was a resurrection of Tony's past; it was a reminder of what he can accomplish and how he could change his life. It was a choice to better he and his family's life.

"It was great to see him," Palomar football coach Joe Early said over the phone this week. "It was a proud moment for him. I thought he had turned the corner."



But every corner reveals a different side, and Tony's blind side was a very troubled one.

In 1993, Tony pleaded guilty to attempted murder for participating in a gang-related shooting in his home town of Oceanside, Calif., not far from San Diego where his older brother Junior Seau is steadily building a Hall of Fame football career with the Chargers.

Tony was sentenced to ten years in the California Youth Authority, but served just eight.

Seau played two years at Palomar after he entered school in 1999.

Early recruited Tony without any high school football experience, but said Tony had the size and background to be productive for his team. Early hoped Seau had changed his ways. And as far as the coach could see, he had.

Tony entered at the halfway point of the 1999 season, taking a red-shirt season. The next two years Tony started at Palomar.

"Being incarcerated, and then getting his education says a lot about him," Early said. "Tony grew up in a situation where he was around the wrong people, and that's something that I thought he regretted."

While at Palomar, Early said, Tony was the model student/athlete, who went to class, did his work on and off the field and got good grades.

"We didn't have a problem with him here,"

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**Eastern
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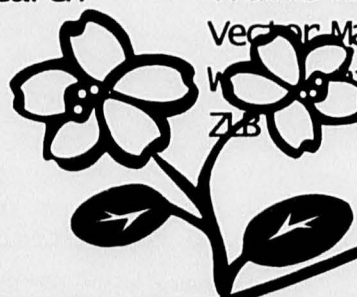
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Early said. "A lot of times we have kids that come here to get away. I think Tony wanted to get away, to get away from that (violence)."

But Palomar is just 10 miles from his Oceanside, his hometown.

Early said at Palomar, Tony Seau was a known leader of Samoan students that hung around together on campus, but the coach hesitated to call the group of football players a gang.

And there were no gang that Tony was still affiliated with that Early could recall.

But last Friday night Tony and his past was brought front and center when he was shot in the head after an altercation at a party in Spokane. He remains at a Spokane hospital after his condition was upgraded from serious to critical.

The party, at the 300 block of South Heaven, had athletes from Community College of Spokane and Eastern.

"It was a shock," Early said when he heard the news on a local nightly news channel. "Our prayers and thoughts are with him and his family. We don't know the details but we do know that one of our guys is in serious condition and that's all that matters right now."

Officers said there were between 100 and 200 people at the scene, many of them athletes from Spokane Community College and Eastern Washington University, were at a celebration in Spokane when the shooting occurred.

Witnesses said several disputes erupted when some participants began yelling rival gang names. During one confrontation in the street a single shot was fired into the head of the victim, who fell to the pavement. Several witnesses and the suspect ran from the area.

Seau was shot near the ear after an altercation broke out.

During one such confrontation, a shot was fired into Seau's head and he fell to the pavement, the Spokesman-Review reported.

Witnesses fled along with the assailant.

"A lot of people split when that gun was fired," police spokesman Dick Cottam said. "And the ones who ran, as you can imagine, must have felt like they had some reason to run."

Cottam added that Major Crime's detectives and Gang Unit officers are interviewing people who were at the party, but police have not yet identified a shooting suspect.

Apparently there were no other injuries, but dozens of police spent some time controlling the crowd and getting the group to disperse.

Being incarcerated, and then getting his education says a lot about him," Early said. "Tony grew up in a situation where he was around the wrong people, and that's something that I thought he regretted."

Joe Early

"We are distressed at this senseless act of violence," Eastern President Stephan Jordan said in a prepared statement. "Our first concern, of course, is for the safety and recovery of our student, Tony Seau. And our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family."

Seau liked Eastern Washington, according to his former coach. He liked the school, the program and the people. It was a different life for

the 25 year old.

"He like the program and the new facilities," Early said. "He felt confident there. He was trying to move on with his life."

Now his life is in jeopardy.

His life has turned the corner, and this time the father of two, was on the other end of violence.

"During the recruiting process, Tony disclosed his past history to myself and our coaching staff," Eastern head football coach Paul Wulff said in a press release. "We reviewed his past with his coaches and parole officer, and assessed that Tony has had a clean record since the incident nearly 10 years ago and he had earned and deserved a chance to continue his process here at Eastern. Tony has also made progress by completing his associate degree and playing two years of junior college football. Since Tony arrived on campus at Eastern in January, he's made steady improvements in the classroom and on the football field."

Seau, a defensive tackle, played well this spring and was to be a part of Eastern's rebuilt defense.

Now, his future is uncertain after seven hours in surgery on Wednesday. Reports have said it was unproductive and he remains in serious condition.

Straight ahead

Photo by Christine Ortega

Junior keeper Katie Grothkopp punts by senior Anna Zumwalt during the spring alumni game.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

GAME ONE: Carolina 3, Detroit 2

GAME TWO: Thursday, June 6

Carolina at Detroit, 5 p.m., ESPN

GAME THREE: Saturday, June 8

Detroit at Carolina, 5 p.m., ESPN

GAME FOUR: Monday, June 10, Detroit at Carolina, 5 p.m., ESPN.

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Trojans show their superiority in NCAA Super Regional

Peter Anthony Rasmussen
Daily Trojan (U. Sou. California)

LOS ANGELES -- On Friday, Southern California baseball coach Mike Gillespie said his team liked the drama after center fielder Brian Barre hit a game-winning home run in extra innings against BYU. USC sure didn't shy away from the drama Monday. The Trojans faced BYU for the second time in the first-round regional for a chance to advance to the Super Regional against Stanford. The fans were in for another scare as the scrappy BYU team erased a 9-0 deficit. But no matter the never-say-die attitude demonstrated by the Cougars, the Trojans were too strong. They ended their opponent's stay in "the postseason with a 13-10 victory in front of 1,072 at Dedeaux Field. "Well, it was a slugfest, to be sure," Gillespie said. "In hindsight, we have to be really impressed with Jordan Olson's first four innings and Cory Campos came up huge for us. He's become very, very important for us. And, I suppose, the hidden ball play was a big play for us. We got a lot of key things from a lot of players this weekend." If BYU had pulled off a victory, it would have forced another game but USC would have none of that. The lone run scored by USC right fielder Travis McAndrews in the top of the seventh inning would be the eventual game winner. He reached with a single, which was followed by third baseman Jon Brewster's single that advanced McAndrews to third. Reliever Sam Fernley got Brewster in a rundown after catching him off guard at first. McAndrews headed for home and scored when catcher Lars

Birkeland could not handle the throw to get McAndrews. "The team that makes the fewest mistakes ends up winning," BYU coach Vance Law said. "We made a couple of bonehead mistakes that hurt us." McAndrews was also involved in USC's seven-run fourth inning. He hit a grand slam, which he later called the biggest hit of his career. After the fourth inning, USC had a commanding nine-run lead. However, by the ninth inning USC held on to a thin 11-10 lead. Olson had just struck out the side in the fourth inning when he gave up a solo shot to leftfielder Jake Stubblefield to begin the fifth inning. After recording two outs, Olson gave up five consecutive hits that allowed three more runs to cross home plate. Olson got out of the jam with trickery. Shortstop Michael Moon used the hidden ball play to tag out first baseman Dave Jensen who was taking a lead off of second and had no idea Moon had the ball. "We've been working on it, but opposing coaches have picked up on it before," Moon said. "The key was that the second base umpire knew exactly what was going on." Moon also hit a solo home run in the sixth inning to put the Trojans into double digits. Olson picked up the win. He pitched 5 2/3 innings. He allowed four runs on eight hits and one walk and struck out five. I knew what Moon was doing and the batter got up early," Olson said. "So it really helped us out. It was a huge play." Moon's play stopped BYU's momentum temporarily. At least until the seventh inning. The Cougars scored five runs in the seventh, turning a blowout into a

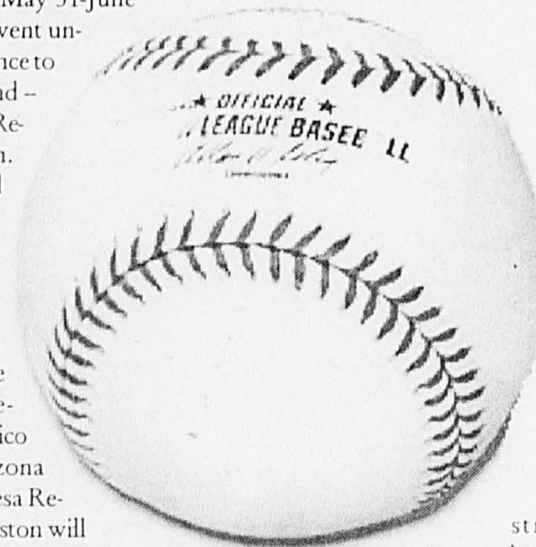
game again. USC pitcher Brett Banister got out of that inning, but didn't last in the eighth. Campos came in with two on and one out, steadying the Trojan ship while giving up only one run. He pitched a scoreless ninth. "We've always felt that with the players we have, we have the ability to go back to Omaha (the College World Series)," said first baseman Bill Peavey, who hit a home run in the first inning. "And we still believe that. We're going to have to play our best ball to win against Stanford." Catcher Alberto Concepcion, Barre, designated hitter Joey Metropoulos, McAndrews and Campos were named to the All-Tournament Team. BYU's Jensen, second baseman Cameron Coughlan and Stubblefield were also named to the All-Tournament Team. Cal State-Northridge shortstop Jason Gorman, third baseman Ryan Haag and pitcher Kameron Loe rounded out the All-Tournament players.

Houston-Texas Super Regional begins with pitching

Stuart H. Clements

The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)
HOUSTON -- Despite a 4-0 loss to East Carolina during the final game of the Conference USA Championship, the No. 6 Houston baseball team has bounced back into the role of success. After accepting the consolation prize for the C-USA tournament, the Cougars went on to be picked as the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Mesa Regional for national postseason com-

petition. During the Mesa Regional that took place May 31-June 2, the Cougars went undefeated to advance to the second round -- a NCAA Super Regional in Austin. Texas defeated Central Connecticut State and then Baylor to advance to the Super Regional, while Houston defeated New Mexico States and Arizona State for the Mesa Regional title. Houston will travel to face Texas on its home turf in a three-game series that decides which team will attend the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Friday's game may be the best match-up of pitchers the nation has seen this season. Houston's own right-handed pitcher sophomore Brad Sullivan will face Texas southpaw Justin Simmons. Simmons is a 6-foot-3, 217-pound sophomore from DeSoto, Texas. The left-hander has received All-American first team honors and holds a 14-1 with a 2.42 ERA. The slinger tallied 72 strikeouts and only 32 walks in 111 and two-third innings on the mound. Sullivan, a native of Nederland, was a semi-finalist for the 15th annual Rotary Smith Award and also made All-American first team. Sullivan holds a 12-1 record with a 1.93 ERA and has the third highest number of strikeouts in the nation this season. Sullivan has tallied 151



strikeouts and only 46 walks in 121 and one-third innings of work. Since the series is best of three, it matters a lot who wins the first game, and would really give the Cougars a leg up on the Longhorns who were picked as the No. 5 seed by the NCAA. Offense, is very important. Juniors Chris Snyder, Brett Cooley and Jesse Crain comprise the heart of the Cougar offense, and will have to be ready and alert to stay in the ball game -- especially against a pitcher like Simmons. Snyder leads the Cougars with a .347 batting average, including going 4-4 against Arizona State in the Mesa Regional.

four-team regional. The Tide then fought its way through the loser's bracket, defeating Auburn and SMO along the way, before finding the need to win two games over third-seeded Florida Atlantic to advance to the Super Regionals.

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